

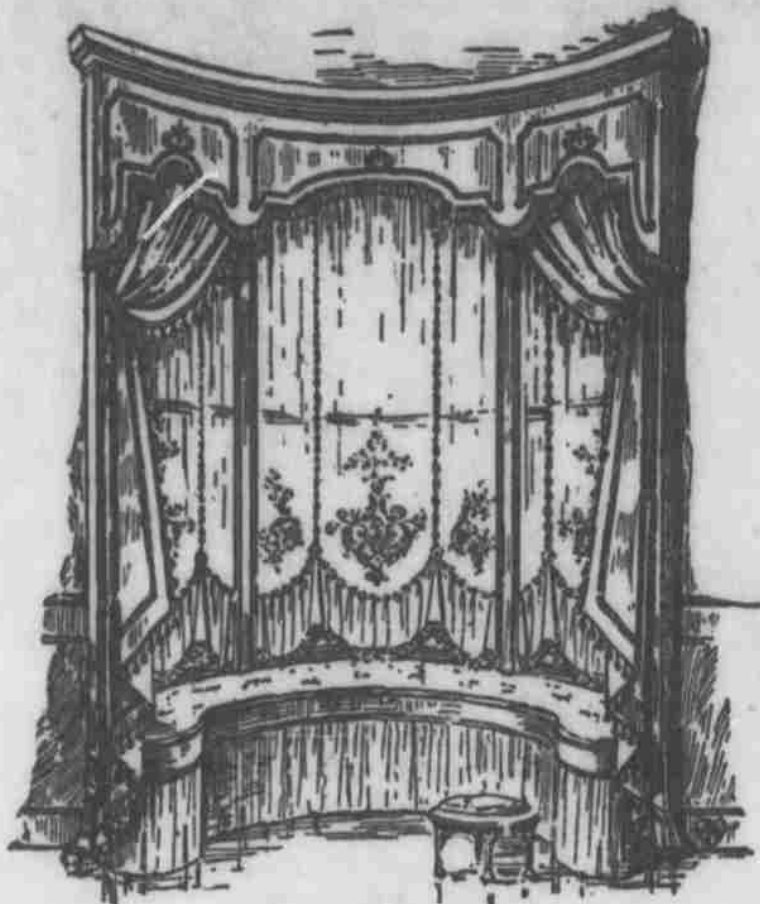
GOOD SUGGESTIONS FOR DRAPING BAY WINDOWS

Possibilities For Effective Interior Decoration Are Too Often Overlooked—Pleasant Nooks Easily Provided For, and at Comparatively Little Expense.

Excellent possibilities are afforded by a bay window for interior decoration, although it is one of the most difficult features of a room to treat satisfactorily. The light must not be obstructed and the drapery or other adornment must not be heavy or cumbersome. Window seats may be introduced effectively and a pleasant

nook formed in which to read when the light is falling in other parts of the room.

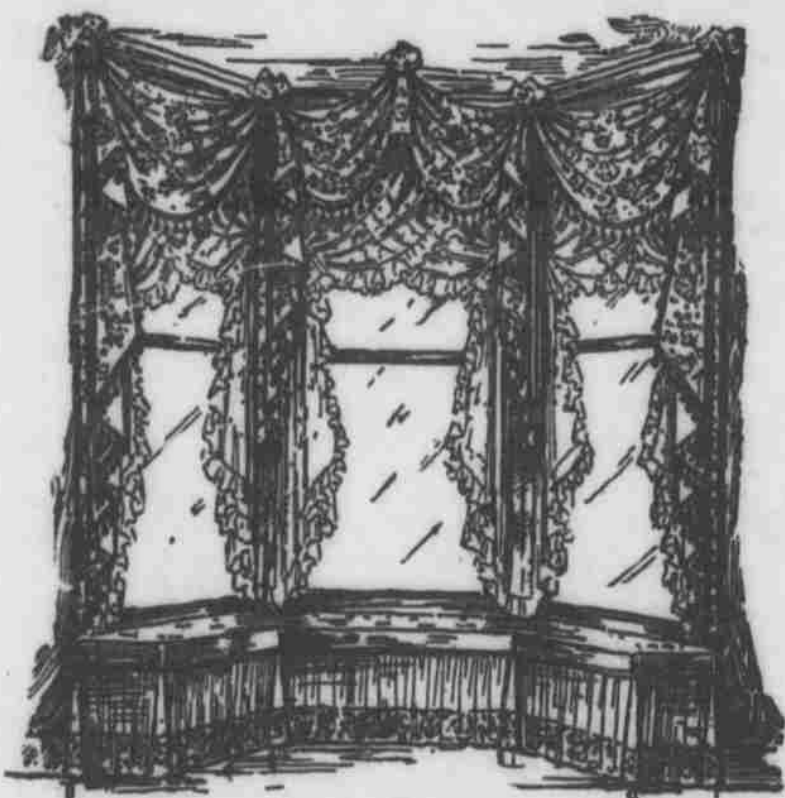
The furnishing of these pleasant nooks is the superlative in housekeeping. The coziness and comfort afforded by these small touches are of inestimable value in the making of a luxurious home.



For the Library.

A dignified method of draping a circular bay window in a library is shown here. The shaped valance and the curtains, which are looped high, are made of bottle green silk velour and a metal galloon is sewed on the valance to form a decorative design. This galloon also forms a border up and down the curtains and across the

bottom. The popular stores or bonne femme curtains are used against the windows. The seat, which is oddly shaped, is upholstered in bottle green mohair plush. For comfort and convenience, when the mind is attuned for communion with one's favorite authors, this contrivance is of the best.



In a Bed Room.

This figure suggests a method of treating a bay window with a seat in a bedroom. The cretonne used is flowered on a cream white background and matches the chair and couch coverings in the room. Ruffled bobbinet sash curtains add a touch of daintiness and are easily kept fresh. Here ornament and usefulness combine to make a thing of beauty of

otherwise wasted space. A delight to the eye and a rest for the tired body are both provided for.

The cushions for the seat are made of green denim, the same shade as that of the leaves in the cretonne. They might be made of rose color to match the flowers if desired. The valance is made of the cretonne, which requires no trimming.

A Substitute for Celluloid.

Not many years ago a threatened ivory famine brought forth the remarkable composition known as celluloid, which ever since has been used in many cases as substitute for the more precious material. Recently the imitation itself has been imitated, and that by a curious preparation of potato pulp. The inventor was a Dutchman named Knipers. He treated the waste pulp—a residue from the manufacture of the artificial potato flour—with a solution of acid and glycerine. The resulting compound took the composition of a sort of stickfast, which is dried and ground to a powder. With the aid of water the powder is molded into blocks, much as plaster of paris is molded by moistening to a paste. However, there is this important difference between the celluloid and the new substitute—the new compound can be cut and turned and bored and used for every purpose from buttons upward. In short, it is a complete substitute for bone and ivory.

A Living Issue With Her.

The small, poorly fed boarding house family was gathered about the boarding house dining table to fight over the frugal dinner. There was one vacant chair that was usually occupied by a struggling young author. His absence suggested to the other boarders a theme for discussion. They talked of his personal appearance, of his manners, and finally of his writings.

"Do you think he has written anything that will live?" was the conundrum offered by one of the boarders, a clerk in a dry goods store, who posed as a literary critic.

"I hope so," replied the lady of the house, "the gentleman in question owes me a large board bill, and gave me something on account this morning. I want the check he wrote to live until it is cashed."

And then silence fell upon the group, broken only by the clatter of the bargain counter knives and boards.

GENIUS IN CONVICT GARS.

Many Useful Inventions Are Due to the Inventiveness of Criminals. It not infrequently happens that men imprisoned behind iron bars in our prisons give to the world inventions whose value it would be difficult to estimate. One of the most important of recent minor inventions is credited to the ingenuity of a convict in the New Jersey state prison—Charles Filler. It is a blind lockstitch sewing machine which will enable one operator to do the work of many. The device was invented by Filler while he was at work in the clothing shop of the prison. Outside capital was interested in the machine and Filler received as his reward a cash payment of \$5,000, a block of stock, his parole and the promise of a position with the company at a good salary.

Other convicts have figured in patent office reports as inventors. One whose name is recalled was Melchior Farkar, who, while confined in a Hungarian penitentiary in 1892, devised a mechanism for giving a man a clean shave in twenty-five seconds. The cable report assured us that the governor of the penitentiary had tested the machine and declared it a success, but what came of it is unknown.

A convict of a mechanical turn of mind is apt to find his confinement and his isolation from deterring influences most helpful in enabling him to acquire greater facility. The exhibition by the prison association of articles made by convicts contained specimens of high class work done behind the prison bars. Among them were an elaborate iron door grill, a richly carved oak staircase, chairs, desks, banjoes, cabinets, iron bedsteads, plaster casts, etc. A piece of cloth woven at Auburn came in for the highest praise. Richard Barker, a life convict at Auburn, made a box out of 11,796 separate pieces of wood which was a marvel of skilful cabinet work. It required a glass to see where the different fragments of wood were joined together. In the year 1885 the goods manufactured by the convicts of the state of New York were valued at \$9,236,320.

House-to-House Millinery.

A woman will never throw an old hat aside, or even give it away, as long as she believes there is a chance of making it over. She is ashamed to send it to a millinery store; in fact, a number of milliners discourage such a custom by charging prices quite out of proportion with the work done. In some of the up-town residence districts and in Brooklyn young women go from house to house restoring brilliancy to faded headgear at nominal prices. Some of them, with a taste for millinery, have built up a regular custom trade and have all the work they want to do. In a few hours they will transform an old hat or bonnet into one that looks "as good as new." Girls will help along the family income in this way, where they can choose their customers and their time, when nothing would persuade them to work in a millinery store or go behind a counter.—New York Times.

Mother Was Satisfied.

During a little flurry in the senate over an appointment, some New Yorkers approached Senator Depew and inquired whether there was anything serious in it.

"Hardly," replied the senator. "It makes me think of an old woman who had a son in the railroad business. He left New York without letting her know and disappeared entirely. She was so very fond of him that she called every day to find out about him. Finally it aroused our sympathy and we traced him to South America, and found he had enlisted in a regiment and was taking part in a revolution. We told the old lady and she calmly replied: 'So he's in a South Ameriky revolution, is he? Thank God for that! I thought he might be rushing into some danger.'—New York Times.

I'll Live for the Living.

A new mound rose near the foothills. And my heart was underneath; My friends were good, for they strewed it With blossom and clinging wreath; A voice came, borne on the stillness; "Though the way seem hard, be true; On—live thy life for the living. As the dead have lived for you."

I raised my hand unto heaven And a pledge I made that day. (The Voice had shown me my duty And a light shone on the way.) And these, the words of the promise, That my constant guide shall be: "I'll live my life for the living. As the dead have lived for me."

The dead since the earth was created, Lived they not for you and me? They made the world that we live in. Such a glorious place to be! Take mine for your life's motto—It will make you strong and true; And live your life for the living. As the dead have lived for you.

She Was Never Quiet.

"Do you love me still?" asked the bride, as the honeymoon began to wane.

"How can I tell?" growled the man who had been elected freight-payer of the matrimonial trust.

It is difficult to convert a man unless you practice what you preach.

DINKELSPIELERS.

Der meaning of woman's rights is a husband dot is afraid to talk back at her.

Der meaning of energy vas two vimen pudding a lady dey don'd like on der griddle.

Der meaning of labor is a man mit a full reservoir of hot air tryin' to tell it to a deaf chentleman.

Der meaning of patience is a man dot got to a dry goods store mit his wife mitoud taking chloroform.

Der meaning of self-control is a man mit der grip dot don'd tell his friends vare his symptoms bite him.

Der meaning of up to date is a man dot only shows up veil ven he is mit peoples dot vas behind der times.

Der meaning of bitterness is a man mit a invitation to a beefsteak dinner dot has to stay home because his wife has der dyspepsium.

Der meaning of enchoyment is der internal bubbles vich rise mitin us ven ve learn dot a rival has fell down und bumped his ambition.

Der meaning of misery is a voman dot receives a pimple on her nose der same efening her new dress comes home from der harness makers.

Der meaning of a success in fashionable life vas a voman dot knows how to cut gufferment bonds so dey vill make her most stylish dresses.

Der meaning of infatuation is ven a man makes a smash mit a girl and der girl smashes him back.—George V. Hobart in Chicago American.

I HAVE NOTICED THAT—

A creed merely is the trademark that man blows in the clear glass of truth.

There is some good in every man, but it will require Omniscience to find it in some cases.

Most punishments that we administer to our children are given because they resemble us too closely.

Forgiveness is divine—except when the offender is a pretty woman; in that case it is masculine and human.

It is hard enough to be waked by your own chancicleer at 4 a. m., but to be waked by your neighbor's chancicleer!

In keeping a dog, some men apparently are actuated by a vague desire that something about them may be entitled to respect.

The states' prisons are full of men who had intended to be good to-morrow. Unfortunately, however, they were caught to-day.

Noise does not prove as much as the campaign orator thought; the bluejay never did succeed in establishing his reputation as a logician.

Some children cannot be very bright. But we should not blame them severely; the mistake they made was in the selection of their parents.

The more one notices things the more one realizes that many a self-made man ought to be ashamed of the job, and is not.—Alfred J. Waterhouse in New York Times.

LOG CABIN PHILOSOPHY.

Dis ole worl' is des ez bright ez some er dese hard ole sinners is willin' ter have it.

While dey ain't no use grievin' over spilled milk hit's still a good idea ter watch out dat you don't spill de milk ever' day in de year.

De good folks don't always die young. Some er dem lives ter be gray-headed ole sinners.—Atlanta Constitution.

MUSINGS.

To have striven for some things is a great victory.

There is nothing so beautiful as that which is seen through the eyes of one we love.

A great many men never realize their importance until just before a municipal election.

It will do no good to plant flowers in the graves of those you have bitterly wronged in life.

At most, the best of friends may travel the same pathway but a brief time; so, then, let us laugh and love while we may.

If men loved prayer meetings as much as they do prize fights the churches would be as thick as saloons in the "leaves" district.

WISDOM'S WHISPERS.

Call a man a donkey and it's up to him to kick.

Ambition makes men want to do things they can't.

It is easier to talk like a fool than it is not to be one.

Men are seldom thankful when they get what they deserve.

Some women seem to think their husbands are made of gold dust.

The less faith a man has in himself the more explaining he has to do.

Some men find it easier to raise whiskers than the price of a shave.

If a man has plenty of money his fool remarks are considered witty.

In visiting places of interest in a large city don't overlook the pawnshops.

Most men can stand a disappointment in love better than the loss of a dollar.

A diplomat is a man who knows how to get what he wants without fighting for it.

When a pretty girl stares at a man's feet he feels as if he had no earthly use for himself.

Women who like to talk about the equality of the sexes dislike to admit they have to work for a living.

The man who pays out a lot of good money for so-called fame is apt to discover later that he has a gold brick on his hands.

NEXT MORNING PHILOSOPHER.

A rich man is as good as anybody else as long as he behaves himself.

It is not the number, but the nature of the mistakes a man makes that counts.

The lobbyist teaches a legislator how to help himself and another at the same time.

Almost anything will do for a political slogan when the prime object is to fool the voter.

Disinterested friendship is not a rare virtue, but it is not as extremely cultivated as it should be.

Sometimes a woman marries a model husband only to find out that he is constituted on the wrong principle.

When a man begins to assert publicly that he is an honest man, it is a sign that he feels that the public doubts it.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Too many keys fit the closets where the family skeletons are kept.

Any woman can learn to smoke, but mighty few of them can learn to like it.

When a woman isn't jealous of her husband it is a sign that he needs to be jealous of her.

A man will keep on chasing after a woman just as long as she keeps on running away from him.

When a man is going home late at night from the club he is sure he is going to buy his wife a pearl necklace the next morning for the fun he had; when he gets up he has a row with her because she hasn't got a dollar to lend him for carfare.—New York Press

PENCIL POINTS.

Cold facts often make a man hot under the collar.

Whatever you pray for you might also try working for.

A girl isn't ashamed of her old shoes if she has small feet.

No man can ever understand why women cry at a wedding.

It is easier to be a philosopher than it is to make a living at it.

The average woman has no earthly use for a bachelor physician.

If women fondle dogs more than they do men it's because dogs can't talk.

A man isn't necessarily a lover of the beautiful because he orders fancy drinks.

Some girls seem to think that the more powder they use the sooner they will go off.

If a woman cast her first batch of bread upon the waters it would doubtless obstruct navigation.